

ASIONIC.—Stated communications of the Western Lodge No. 10, A. F. and M. will be held on the first and third Mondays of every month.

GEORGE ROSS, W. M.
A. M. DENT, Sec.
JANE LEW.—Stated communications of Jackson Lodge No. 35, A. F. and M. will be held in the hall, in Jane Lew, on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month.

M. McWHORTER, W. M.
J. W. JACKSON, Sec.
ELDER J. C. OLIVE.—Some two or three weeks ago we received for publication the proceedings of an investigating committee appointed by the Baptist Church of Clover Dale, to examine as to charges that had been preferred against Rev. J. C. Olive. The proceedings are too voluminous for publication; and inasmuch as Mr. Olive was honorably acquitted, it seems hardly necessary to publish them.

THE HOLIDAY SEASON passed off in this region with great eclat. The weather reminded one more of spring than mid-winter; and rendered the season a peculiarly pleasant one. Several gentlemen and ladies from other points "put up" with friends here for the holidays; and in their honor impromptu "hops" were of frequent occurrence. Our merchants generally did a "stack-yard business."

BUSINESS CHANGES.—Messrs. Aspinall & Rhorbough have purchased the handsome and commodious brick store-house and ware-rooms now occupied by Mr. P. M. Hale. Consideration \$5,000; possession to be given on the 18th inst.

Mr. F. Brinkman has purchased of Mrs. Moore, the store now occupied by Messrs. Aspinall & Rhorbough, known as the old Moore stand, and the buildings adjacent thereto. Consideration \$3,000.

DR. U. T. YO'UNG.—A notorious fraud, dead-beat and unmitigated quack, is perambulating some of the back counties, trying to gull the people. He should be treated to cow-hide boots and a hickory club wherever found.

By the way, we notice by the *Clarksburg Telegram* that "Doctor DeHansio,"—he of the "worm wafers" and other truck, passed through Clarksburg a few days ago, en route for Baltimore, where he is about to attend medical lectures (in a horn.)

COFFEE.—We learn from the figures of the Treasury Department that there was imported into the United States during the last fiscal year 285,171,512 pounds of coffee, and 55,811,605 pounds of tea. The cost of these luxuries at the place of shipment was \$110,890,672; and when you add to this the cost of shipment; the importers and dealers, and the various other manipulations through which a staple article passes before it reaches the consumer, it will be seen that \$200,000,000 will not more than cover the actual outlay for "the cup that cheers, but not inebriates." And we offer to bet a four dollar bonnet that more coffee is consumed in West Virginia than in any other State in the Union, in proportion to its population.

THE WESTON MILLS.—By the special invitation of Colonel Wellington Holland, the most proficient millwright in this "neck of woods," we spent half a day not long ago in viewing the improvements recently made by Colonel Woodford in this valuable property. And we are justified in saying that as now conducted, these mills compare very favorably with any flouring mills in the State. It will be recollected that at the time Colonel Woodford purchased this property, the new building had just been erected; and the building itself, as well as the machinery in connection with it, was nearly all of a temporary character. The demands of the public could not then be met by the capacity of the mills; and Colonel Woodford, at once recognizing the fact that "where there is nothing risked there is nothing gained," determined to invest a sum sufficient to make the mills a permanent institution; and to increase their capacity to such an extent that all the demands of the people of this region for bread-stuff and feed would be readily met.—The old dam across the river, which had furnished the motive power for the mill for many years, was torn down and remodelled; so that it is a "fixed fact." The old water wheels were cast aside; and the new and powerful turbine wheels introduced in their places. The whole machinery of the mill was torn down, refitted, reformed and reconstructed, and all the latest improvements added. The upper stories of the building, containing the elevators and granaries, were entirely refitted; and everything that money could do to make the mill number one in every particular, was done.—The cost of these improvements amounted to the sum of \$5,000; and were all made under the supervision of Colonel Holland. The mill, with the improvements, has now cost Colonel Woodford the neat little sum of nearly \$10,000; which, he says, he is happy to say, is about all paid.—A notable feature in the lower story is the three pairs of burrs, thus giving the mill a grinding capacity of about 500 bushels per day. Lewis Tracy, the efficient miller who has so long had charge of the mills, asserts that the mill is capable of grinding all the wheat raised in the county.—By the advantage of both steam and water power, the mill can run all the time; and from the way grain is now pouring in, friend Tracy will hereafter have but little rest.—Colonel Woodford recently invested \$100 in a pair of standard scales, so that his customers can see "what they bring and what they get."

He also desires us to inform the public that Mr. Tracy will be prompt and courteous to all who favor the mills with their patronage; and that he will pay the highest cash prices for all kinds of grain.—In the matter of flour, he invites comparison.

ORDERS from a distance for printing filled promptly, at the shortest possible notice.

No girl should take music lessons or be allowed to wear a stick-out behind until she knows how to bake bread.

MAN KILLED.—On the 23rd ult., Isaac Post, a farmer who resides near Spencer, in Boone county, was killed by a tree falling upon him. He was cutting the tree down, and when it fell it lodged against another, rebounded and fell upon him, killing him instantly.

OLD MR. ALFORD, of Polk Creek, met with a very severe accident the other day. He was driving a team, when the horses got scared and ran off, throwing him to the ground and inflicting severe injuries. Dr. N. B. Bland reduced the fractures, and reports the old gentleman as recovering.

RAILROAD TALK.—For some two weeks past, those of our citizens who have a misia for "railroad talk," have been discussing the probabilities of an appropriation by Congress to build the Washington & Ohio railroad, as surveyed through this State. The matter has been discussed in Congress during the present session, but it is hardly to be hoped that the project will be successful.

ADMIRAL SEMMES has turned wit. In a lecture at Augusta Georgia, upon his career as a Confederate privateer, he explained why a sailor calls a ship "she." "First because she always looks best when freshly painted. Second, because she always puts her best foot foremost when she has on new sails. Third, because she always looks well when in stays. Fourth, because she always brings news home from abroad."

It seems that West Virginia is a Northern State. We are informed that the authorities at Washington decided to publish the mail contracts, and general statute advertisements, in two Republican papers in each of the Southern States, and in 7 Republican papers in each of the Northern States. Seven of our West Virginia journals are adorned with these thrilling and lucrative romances, and the blood curdling, yet seductive chapters, are read with mingled terror and delight, by their fortunate subscribers.

CARRIAGE ADDRESS.—George Finster, the best "devil" extant who so promptly and faithfully delivers *The Democrat* to its town subscribers, tenders the compliments of the season to "all the world and the rest of mankind."

MR. F. M. CHAFFIN has prepared for him a Carriage Address, but inasmuch as "all hands" declined to touch a type during the holiday week, it was not printed. It will answer, however, for next year; and it may be that George's many friends will "do the handsome thing," even without an address.

WRITING SCHOOL.—For some weeks prior to the holidays, Professor Ross, of Pennsylvania, had been conducting a writing school at the Academy. The school was held at night, and was attended by adults, as well as younger persons. The session closed on the 19th ult., when a committee composed of Prof. Clark, Mr. G. J. Butcher and James W. Woodfin were appointed to examine the specimens of penmanship presented, and decide who were entitled to the honors. The better to enable the committee to perform their duty, they were furnished with specimens of the writing of each pupil before and after taking lessons. The improvement in most of the pupils was something approaching to the wonderful, and exhibited fully the remarkable powers of Prof. Ross as a practical teacher. The premiums were awarded as follows:

Best Writer—Emory Vandervort.
Best Lady Writer—Miss Ella Clifton.

Second Best Gentlemen Writer—Harry Camden.
Best Improvement—Miss Lizzie Ridgway.

Third Best—S. E. Barrett.
Titled Best—Miss Ella Urbach.

Professor Ross will organize a new class at the Academy on Monday evening, January 4th.

FROM BULLTOWN.—Friend Woff.—As I am not accustomed to writing letters for publication, I hope the readers of your paper will excuse me if my communications should not be very interesting. We have a good school now in session at Frog Pond.—John W. Berry Principal and Miss Florida Queen teacher of the minor classes. They are both well qualified and worthy the name of teachers. Winter is now upon us, and our citizens are making preparations for it. Some of them have "killed their hogs." Our old friend "Johnny" Bacon killed the finest beef in this county. R. B. Clark helped to butcher it, and says he has never seen anything to compare with Johnny's big black leifer. Uncle Johnny contemplates killing another about the 1st of January.—Prof. L. D. Humphreys has traded his property in this place for property in Burnsville, and has commenced a ten months school in the latter place. May prosperity ever be with you, Lorenzo D.—D. H. Prince and T. C. Hopkins, of Fall's Mills, have recently refitted and remodelled their blacksmith shop on Centre Street. It is now quite a neat and comfortable looking shop. I also noticed a new building going up on the street recently opened from Lorenz's Store to the Prince House. It is intended for a dwelling house, and is owned and being built by John O. McCoy, Esq., of that place. Our neighboring village, Shaversville, is alive on this subject. We see dotted here and there over the town evidences of an increasing population. She ought to thrive, though, for her citizens are so honorable and industrious class of people; and by the way, nearly all Democrats and readers of *The Democrat*. We hope your correspondent from there will keep us posted as to the progress of things generally on that side of the stream. C. H. E.
Baltimore, Dec. 17.

The Independent State.

GREAT EXCITEMENT AT ADDISON.

ADDISON, Dec. 20, 1874.

FRIEND WOFF: Our usually quiet community was thrown into a perfect tremor of excitement on the 18th inst. It was not about the well-written yarn of John Forsythe; nor was it caused by deeds of blood. Violence, it is true, was the moving cause; and inexpressible dryness has been the result. It has long been supposed that an illicit distillery of alcoholic spirits existed somewhere in the mountains near this place, and various attempts by the government officials to discover it, whereabout have signally failed. At one time, certain zealous temperance men, attempted to procure the indictment of certain parties here, supposed to have been implicated in the whiskey business, but their efforts failed. However, on the 18th inst., United States Marshall Hannibal Brannon (Jud to say he's no relation to the Glad) having obtained definite information as to the whereabouts of the still, procured a posse, and burst upon the whiskey men at a most inopportune moment. The "whiskey ring" was busily engaged, preparing for the big supply needed for the holidays. Marshall Brannon arrested John Y. Harris, (the inventor of "Harris' Best" Mr. Payne, and others, and destroyed and confiscated all property connected with their business; and we presume it will be "a clear case" against them at the next term of the Federal Court. You may imagine the feelings of those of our citizens whose notions of the "oil of joy" are thus cut off by a government official. I will write you more concerning this outrage anon.

Dryly, yours.—D.

DR. REV. DR. YO'UNG will preach in the Presbyterian Church, Sunday, January 8, morning and evening.

SOME POULTRY.—We are informed that Messrs. Gluck & Co., of Troy, a few weeks ago purchased in one day thirty-one hundred pounds of poultry. This beats anything in that line up to date. Next?

THE PARKERSBURG INQUIRER.—We have received the initial number of the *Parkersburg Inquirer*, a new paper just started in that city by Major John Hodgson, formerly of the *Clarksburg Sun*. It is the neatest sheet ever issued in this State; and like all the Major's literary productions, bears the impress of skill and talent. May it prove abundantly successful—both politically and financially.

THE HARD TIMES IN KANSAS.—The terrible stories of destitution and want now being published in the papers, show that thousands of people in the western country are suffering severely, even for the common necessities of life, but like all such stories, they grow as they travel further from the actual scene of trouble. In a recent letter to a relation of ours, who resides in the city of Lawrence (Kansas) we asked for information in relation to the matter, and he replied in substance, as follows: "In some locations in the new part of the State, the people may be suffering to some extent, but this has always been the case. Foolish people come here, with just money enough to make a payment on their land, and there they are, out in the open prairie, without money, house, neighbors, stock or anything to eat. Such people always suffer for the first year or two. It is true that the grasshopper plague and the continued drought has interfered very materially with our prosperity; but if money was plentiful, this would be hardly felt. The lack of money among our business men does us more harm than anything else."

Bread and meat we have in abundance, and very cheap. Corn sells for 75 cents per bushel. This is high for us. Good wheat is from 90 cents to \$1.00 per bushel; flour from \$2.25 to \$3.00 per 100 lbs; beef I buy at the butcher's shops in the city at from 8 to 5 cents per pound. Things are bad enough here (and I judge this is true of all parts of the South and West) but not near so bad as represented to be in the eastern papers."

AN EPISODE.—A very exciting episode comes to our ear, which we will give the public, but for present must suppress names, for the reason that the affair is likely to come before the next term of court, when the true particulars will be known. It appears, however, in the neighborhood of Harper's Ferry there resides an old gentleman whose wife is considerably younger than himself, and the old man's jealousy is proverbial. He had in his employ a young man, whose relations to the madame were to outsiders only of a courteous character, but the old gentleman construed every word and look into the evidence of a plot against the peace and purity of his home. The old man upbraided his wife for improper familiarity with his employee, and he was free in intimating to his friends his suspicions of criminality between the two. The tongue of slander soon set afloat the incredible stories, which finally came to the ear of the young man, who was highly indignant over what he vehemently pronounced malicious falsehood. He accordingly left the premises, but on learning that the old man still publicly accused him of wrongdoing him that respect his young blood became unmanageable, and he went directly to the former's dwelling and assaulted him, endeavoring to place better ideas in his cranium by dint of fist. On Saturday night, while the young man was attending worship, the old man, on brooding over the thrashing he had received, determined to have revenge. He accordingly wrapped a stone in his handkerchief, and with this formidable weapon entered the church and commenced to pelt the victim of his ire upon the head. The old man's wife was sitting near, and on attempting to interfere, received two or three ugly blows. The wounds received by the young man were not trifling by any means.

PARTISAN whose subscriptions for literary papers expire with the old year, can renew the same by calling at the News Depot.

CLARK COUNTY.—A correspondent of the Register, writing from Grantsville, says: On last Tuesday one of the most atrocious outrages was committed near Grantsville, by a man named Michael Gainer, upon the person of Miss Lucinda Burros.—On the night of the 15th a burglar entered the house of Emily Robinson and pilfered fifteen dollars worth of valuables.—Yesterday evening as Cornelius Knight was going home from work at his saw-mill he was attacked and brutally whipped by Silas Simmers.

WE regret to hear of the death of Hon. Daniel Haymond in the 88th year of his age. His death occurred at the residence of his son, William Haymond, Esq., Federal Hill, Ritchie county, on the 10th ult. Mr. Haymond was one of the first and most fearless advocates of Democratic sentiments in the legislature of this State, in 1845-6. He was one of the little band which manfully stood up against proscription, and a man whose memory the people cannot too much honor.

DELICATE SURGICAL OPERATION.—The *Staunton Vindicator* says: About three weeks ago, Master Oliver Harman, seventeen years of age, a son of Colonel Ascher W. Harman, was taken by his father to Philadelphia, to Dr. Parson, a celebrated surgeon there, to have a most remarkable operation performed. The youth a few years ago, had a pimple on his nose, which, notwithstanding medical treatment, completely cut away that member, leaving the face smooth. The sore then healed, showing that it was not a cancer. The operation, which consisted in taking a piece out of the lip and another out of the forehead, and making a new and very natural nose, occupied about two hours, the patient not using chloroform, and bearing the pain manfully. The wounds have commenced healing, and early in January the organ will be as sound as that on the face of any one else.

BRIEF MENTION.—Rev. F. M. Hughes, of Buckhannon, conducted quarterly meeting at the M. E. Church in this place on Sunday last. Messrs. Aspinall & Rhorbough will remove into their new store-house on or about the 13th. They expect to have a full supply of new goods.—The Catholic Total Abstinence Union of this place had a public parade on Christmas day, and made a very respectable turnout. The society now numbers 64 members.—And now comes an enterprising Braxtonian, who writes letters to the "Intelligencer," in behalf of Bulltown as a proper place for the Capital. It might be located in a worse place.—As an evidence of how "open" the winter has been during the past two weeks, we note the remarkable fact that the shrill piping of the frogs was distinctly heard—almost as noisily as in the spring.—The West Fork was "full as a tick" last week.—A number of our mechanics propose to start a night school for their own instruction. A good idea.—The lumber men along Kanawha took advantage of the recent "rise," and shipped a good many barges and rafts.—Game of all kinds is said to be very plentiful on Leading Creek.—A young child, daughter of William Kendall's, died on the 19th of December.—Now's the time to make your good resolutions for '75 and then break them.—A few men are beginning to be alarmed, for fear the crop will be short. Plenty of time yet.—Mr. P. M. Hale has rented the Moore stand, recently purchased by F. Brinkman, Esq., and will take possession in a few days.—Mr. C. C. Dennison, of this county, moves to Lumberton during the present month.—Colonel Woodford starts for Charleston this week to "pass in his chips" to the State Treasurer.—It is said that Mr. A. C. Hale will build two brick stores near his present business house, in the spring.—We hear it stated that Mr. Thomas Moore, eldest son of the late Charles P. Moore, Esq., will shortly enter into partnership with Mr. F. M. Chaffin, in the hardware business.—Dr. Ward, of West Milford, an experienced and popular dentist, contemplates locating permanently in this place.—Our Christmas turkey was the gift of Sheriff Woodford. Like the Colonel himself, it was fat, good and juicy.—It is said that Ira Hart offers to build a "railroad" from Clarksburg to this place, (similar to his Smithton road) at the rate of \$1,000 per mile.—Several schools in Gilmer county are closed on account of a lack of teachers. Lewis county has enough and to spare; and some of them might get positions there.—"Polk" Camden, formerly of this place, but recently book-keeper for the banking house of H. G. Davis & Co., of Piedmont, has accepted a lucrative position in one of the Parkersburg banks.—The Skin Creek distillery is doing a good business. Those who are "good judges of drinking liquor" say that the apple-jack made there is a number 1.—"Halo" bonnets probably derive their name from the exclamation of husbands when they see the bill.—An agricultural paper says that kind words will cure a cow of kicking; but may prefer the old way of mauling the critter with a fence rail until her heart is broken.—Persons who have much correspondence to do, might practice themselves a little, writing the figures "1875."—And now we rise to state that we want everybody indebted to this office to pay up immediately, if not sooner.—An unruly boy at the Rockport, Wirt county, public school, "got away" with the teacher and one trustee. The other trustees did not "come to time," and the teacher resigned—hence there is no school. The people of that school district ought to abolish either that boy or the board of trustees.—The question now agitating the American people in this neck of woods is, "who will be elected United States Senator?" Echo answers, "Who?"

GEORGE MEERS, who formerly resided near Jacksonville in this county, died suddenly a few days ago, in Kentucky.

MRS. NANCY STRINGER, relict of the late William Stringer, departed this life on the 27th inst. Her remains were interred in the "Butcher Cemetery," on the West Fork.

THE village of Troy, Gilmer county, now boasts of a stove factory in "full blast." Two barges are now being built, to be loaded with stoves and shipped to Parkersburg. Lumber business on Leading Creek is getting to be a "big thing" to the denizens thereof.

THE old Jackson Democrats in various parts of the country, feeling in much better humor than for several years past, are preparing to celebrate the approaching 8th of January—the sixtieth anniversary of the Victory of New Orleans—with more than the usual enthusiasm.

MARRIED AND GONE.—On Thursday last, Mr. Pitt White (son of John White, Esq., of this county) was married to Miss Prudie Strader, daughter of Valentine Strader, Esq., of Buckhannon. Immediately after the ceremony, the happy couple started for Mr. White's home on the Pacific Coast. May good-luck go with them.

Fresh Bologna at Vassar's.

HAPPY.—The young friends of "Billy" Wilkinson presented him with an elegant "stove-pipe hat" on Christmas day; and he is exceedingly proud of it. "Billy's" shop is the head-quarters for the boys; and in grateful remembrance of past kindnesses, the boys proved that they were not void of gratitude.

MATRIMONIAL.—From November 20th to December 20th, "Squire Woolfer issued marriage licenses to the following persons: C. L. A. Fletcher to Elizabeth Rigney; Samuel C. Sutton to Margaret A. Wagoner; George A. Custer to Virginia H. Hall; John H. Bailey to Amanda E. Burnside; Jonas Friend to Mary C. Butcher; William A. Wilson to Estaline Melville; Isaac N. Woolfer to Eliza M. Clutter; Zebude Fisher to Sarah E. Barnett; Charles A. Chapman to Phebe J. Woodford; William Keiner to Debby A. Spruvs; Preston Crawford to Rachael B. Helms."

LENGTHY.—On Tuesday a gentleman from Barbours county, whose name is Harding, made his appearance on Court Square, and as he is but little shorter than a lightning rod he attracted so much amount of attention, and it was not long until a bet of a new hat was made by a couple of our popular townsmen, that the stranger was or was not over seven feet high. The stranger was captured and found to measure seven feet and one inch. One of our Court Square grocers will sport a new title to-morrow, while the lower blouses audibly whenever that Barbours county man is mentioned.—*Parkersburg Examiner*.

NEWARK, NEW JERSEY, is wild over Weston, the walkie, since he performed his five hundred miles in six days. The morning following the accomplishment of the feat was Sunday, and Weston was up and dressed at 6 o'clock. At church time he went through the snow—no account says—as if nothing particular had happened, and attended the Reformed Episcopal church to hear Rev. Dr. Nicholson preach a sermon from the text, "And Enoch walked with God." The sermon, by a singular coincidence, illustrated the benefit of perseverance and a fixity of purpose to walk in a certain line to a certain goal—though Weston walked in a circle at the risk; but the illustration was no less apt. Weston sat in the front pew, and at his request the choir, after service, sang "Nearer, my God, to Thee."

HELVETIA AND ITS IMPROVEMENTS.—We understand that Helvetia, (the German settlement) in Randolph county, is rapidly improving in the way of clearing up the immense forest and building comfortable dwelling houses. A gentleman who recently visited that village says, that its inhabitants are a type of honesty, energy and industry; and it seemed as though every person had something to do. No loafers or loungers came under his observation. Its population is something near three hundred now, and is still increasing, and we hope it will be but a few years till Helvetia can count her inhabitants by the thousands instead of hundreds. When this village was first located, some three or four years ago, there was not enough cleared land on which to build a cabin. The immigrants were set down in a perfect wilderness; and they deserve much credit we think from the county in which they are located, and counties adjacent thereto, for improvements made and the industry manifested. They purchased this season from the nursery of A. C. Crooks, of Ohio, five hundred dollars, which has the appearance of "business." In connection with the above improvements they are to have a steam saw mill, which is now under erection by Mr. A. Vogel, of that town, who is sole proprietor. The boiler and engine passed through town last Saturday and we suppose that in a short time the mill will be completed and in operation, which will soon enable them to erect some fine dwellings. The old "wheel-horse" (Mr. O. E. Lutz), is the founder of all this enterprise.—*Buckhannon Delta*.

MARRIED.

On the 1st ult., at the residence of the bride's father, by the Rev. Wm. R. Sibbet, Mr. John Armstrong to Miss Eunice Salder.—all of Lumberton, Braxton county.

On the 5th ult., by the same, William A. Watson, Esq., of Lewis county, to Miss Mildred Meddell, of Gilmer.

On the 24th ult., at the residence of the bride's mother, by Rev. Mr. Norris, Mr. John Coleman to Miss Bird Morrow, daughter of the late John Morrow, Esq., of this county.

December 8th, by Rev. George Woolfer, Dr. J. Snider, of Smithville, Ritchie county, to Miss Mary M. Webb, of Ritchie.

Rev. J. A. J. LIGHTBURN will preach in Weston on the third Saturday night and Sunday in each month.

Fresh fruits of all kinds at Vassar's

[From the Wheeling Register.]

Baltimore Cattle Market.

Receipts for the Week.

Number of Cows	1,823
Number of Sheep and Lambs	781
Number of Hogs	3,708
Total	6,292

Prices.

Very best on sale	64 7/8c
Generally rated first quality	42 5/8c
Medium or good fair quality	34 5/8c
Ordinary thin Steers, Oxen and Cows	34 3/8c
General average of the market	44c
Extreme range of prices	31 1/2c
Most of the sales are from Where From.	44 5/8c

West Virginia	304
Virginia	803
Ohio	540
Pennsylvania	101
Maryland	67
District of Columbia	8
Kentucky	40
Total	1,823

The Town Ordinances.

AN ORDINANCE to require the cleaning of Side-Walks and Gullies.

Adopted Dec. 1, 1874.

Be it ordained by the Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen of the town of Weston, That hereafter it shall be the duty of all property-holders or occupants of property in said town, whose pavements are laid, to clean, or cause the same to be cleaned, at least once a week, and also to keep the gutters in front of said property open and clear of rubbish.

2. And upon failure or refusal of any person so to do, he, she, or they so offending shall, upon complaint being made to the Mayor, Recorder or Alderman, be liable to a fine of not less than one nor more than five dollars for each violation of this ordinance, recoverable as other fines and forfeitures are recoverable.

This ordinance shall be in force from and after its passage.

AN ORDINANCE to define the duties of certain officers therein mentioned, and for other purposes.

Adopted Dec. 1, 1874.

Be it ordained by the Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen of the town of Weston, That there shall be appointed by the Council, immediately after their election and qualification, and whenever a vacancy may occur, a Treasurer, Assessor, Street Commissioner and Engineer or Surveyor and Attorney, who shall respectively hold their offices from the time of their appointment until the expiration of ten days after the succeeding general election, unless sooner removed for cause. All the said officers, and all whose offices may hereafter be created, shall, before entering on the duties of their respective offices, take such oath as is now, or may be hereafter required by the laws of the State or the ordinances of the town.

2. That it shall be the duty of the Treasurer to audit quarterly or semi-annually, the accounts of the Sergeant of all monies received by him for the use of the town; and to pay none, nor allow a credit in the settlement of any sum whatever, except to the order of the Mayor, countersigned by the Clerk, as authorized by the Council; and he shall be authorized to receive from the Sergeant any certificates of indebtedness, which have been or may be issued by the town, and credit the town accounts with the same as so much money received, or to hold such certificates as vouchers for so much money paid out by him as Treasurer, and on settlement of his account shall be allowed the same. He shall, when required by the Council, render an account of his receipts and disbursements, producing the vouchers for the latter. He shall give bond with such security as the Council may approve or order for the faithful performance of his duty, and for his services shall be paid such compensation as the Council may allow and appoint.

3. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to attend every stated or special meeting of the Council; to keep regular minutes of their proceedings, and at the opening of every meeting to read the minutes of the next preceding meeting, unless said reading be dispensed with by a vote of the Council; to record in a fair hand, in a suitable book, all the ordinances, by-laws, orders and regulations not heretofore recorded, or which shall be hereafter passed; to note on the margin opposite to each ordinance, resolution, or part thereof, the date of any repeal or amendment of the same, with the page of the book where such repeal or ordinance is recorded; to file and preserve all reports made to the Council in writing, and all paper laid before it; and generally to perform all the duties required of a clerk. He shall for his services receive such compensation as the Council shall allow and appoint.

4. It shall be the duty of the Assessor to make and return to the Council a fair assessment of all such real and personal property, and an accurate list of all such persons who may be liable to be taxed, and any and all such statistical information as the Council shall from time to time direct, and to commence the same within one month after being duly notified by the Council requiring such assessment and list. He shall receive for his services such compensation as the Council may allow and appoint.

5. It shall be the duty of the Sergeant, whose duties shall embrace those of the Street Commissioner to attend each and every meeting of the Council; to collect all levies of taxes of every kind, whatever, for the use of the town; and at the end of each and every month shall deposit the same with the Treasurer to the credit of the town, and the Treasurer's receipt shall be his voucher for so much money collected and paid over; and for any failure of the Sergeant to deposit the whole amount so collected by him as aforesaid, he shall be liable on his official bond to the town, together with two per cent

per week on all monies so withheld; and it shall be the further duty of the Sergeant to serve all notices, collect all fines and penalties; and for such services he shall be entitled to and receive such fees as are now prescribed by law, or any special ordinance of the town. It shall be his duty to summon the members to any special meeting of the Council, and to perform such other duties as the Council shall from time to time prescribe. And for the additional duties imposed as Street Commissioner, he shall receive such compensation as the Council may allow and appoint. This ordinance shall be in force from and after its passage.

AN ORDINANCE in relation to Dogs.

Adopted Dec. 1, 1874.

Be it ordained by the Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen of the town of Weston, That an annual tax of 50 cents on every male and two dollars and fifty cents on every female, shall be paid for every animal of the dog kind which ever owned or kept in the town of Weston, to be paid by the person who shall own or keep such animal. 2. It shall be the duty of the Assessor annually to make and return to the Council, at the time he reports his annual assessment, an accurate list of the names of all persons who own or keep in said town any animal of the dog kind, showing the number of such animals owned or kept by each person; and also whether the same be male or female. And it shall be the duty of the Clerk of the Council to deliver to the Sergeant of the town a list of the names of the persons so returned by the Assessor as owners of dogs.

3. If any person, when required by the Assessor to state the number of animals of the dog kind owned or kept by him or her, and whether the same be male or female, shall not truly report the same, he or she so offending shall forfeit and pay for every such offense the sum of not less than three dollars. 4. It shall be the duty of the collector of taxes assessed on real estate for the benefit of the town, to collect the taxes which are or shall be imposed upon dogs in said town, and to account for and pay over the same as other revenue; and he shall receive for making such collections the same commissions as shall be allowed for the collection of the taxes on the property in said town. This ordinance shall be in force from and after its passage.

AN ORDINANCE in relation to the duties of members of the Council.

Passed December 1, 1874.

Be it ordained by the Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen of the town of Weston, That it shall be the duty of any member of the Town Council, who shall be an eye-witness to any violation of any of the police ordinances of said town, or before whom a complaint is properly made, to order the arrest, by warrant or otherwise, of the party or parties so offending. And it shall be the duty of such member of the Council to depose instantly any person or persons of proper age, who are citizens of the town, to enforce the ordinances, and to arrest persons charged with the violation thereof.

2. And the officer so arresting such offender or offenders shall allow the accused to have a speedy trial, either before him or such member of the Council as may be present to try the warrant for arrest. 3. No member of the Council shall have power to release from confinement, or remit the penalty inflicted for a violation of the ordinances of the town, by any other member of the Council. This ordinance shall be in force from and after its passage.

AN ORDINANCE in relation to Police Regulations.

Passed December 1, 1874.

Be it ordained by the Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen of the town of Weston, That any person of proper age, and a resident of said town, who shall fail or refuse, when commanded to do so by the Mayor, Recorder or any Alderman of said town, to assist in the arrest of any person violating the ordinances of said town; or to serve proper process upon any person when so commanded, shall be fined not less than \$1, nor more than \$10, to be recoverable as other fines are recoverable. 2. And any person obstructing any member of the Council of said town in the execution of the ordinances thereof, shall be fined not less than \$5 nor more than \$20, to be recovered in like manner as other fines are recoverable. This ordinance shall be in force from and after its passage.

DR. A. M. DENT has located permanently in Weston for the practice of his profession. Having attended a thorough course of lectures at Starling Medical College, after an experience of twelve years as a practical druggist, the Doctor has obtained not only an accurate knowledge of diseases, but also, from his long experience as a druggist, understands perfectly the properties of medicines, and their application in the treatment of disease. The Doctor's office is one door above Chaffin's Store. All calls, night and day, promptly